States where these villages are located?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The districts being taken up in the first phase of the Technology Mission Pilot Projects are:

Sl. No.	Name of District	State
1	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh
2	Gurgaon	Haryana
3	Kachchh	Gujarat
4	Gulbarga	Karnataka
5	Jhabua	Madhya Pradesh
6	West Khasi Hills	Meghalaya
7	Aizwal	Mizoram
8	Barmer	Rajasthan
9	Ramanathapuram	Tamil Nadu
10	Mirzapur	Uttar Pradesh
11	Bankura	West Bengal.

Study on the DDA by the Tata Consultancy Services

2856. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tata Consultancy Services, commissioned by the DDA, to make a study of the structure and the functioning of the Organisation and to suggest strategies for improvements have submitted its report in November, 1986; if so, what are the details of the recommendations;

(b) what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The recommendation of Tata Consultancy Services on the Organisational Renewal Study of Delhi Development Authority, are under their consideration.

Tapping water potential for availability of per capita drinking water

2857. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of a huge water potential India has a very low per capita availability of drinking water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government

are taking for making an improvement in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Based on the information available from the National Decade Master Plan document it has been assessed that the total surface water resource in the country is of the order of 176.8 million hectar metres of which the utilisable surface water resource is of the order of about 67 million hectar metres. Likewise, the ground water potential has been assessed as 42.29 million hectar metres of which the exploited ground water resource is of the order of 10 million hectar metres. These water resources are being used for all purposes including irrigation, drinking water supply, etc.

As regards the per capita availability of drinking water is concerned, it may be stated that based on the information received from 19 States and Union Territories, the per capita availability of drinking water in various urban areas ranges from 26 litres per capita per day to 375 litres per capita per day. Likewise, the per capita service level for the 31 State capitals in the country ranges from 12 lpcd to 600 lpcd.

(b) The major constraints in increasing the per capia availability of drinking water are mainly limited availability of water resources due to topographic features, limited precipation period in India and inter-se priorities for irrigation and other uses, inadequate financial resources, shortage of skilled manpower and materials, institutional and organisational problems, problem of land acquisition, etc. Moreover this sector has not been given the priority it deserves like other core sectors such as agriculture, power, etc.

(c) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments and Union Territories, the Govt. of India is providing assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Technology Mission and Scarcity Relief Programmes, technical advice through the CPHEEO, development of skilled manpower, management information system, research and development activities and use of micro-computers. The National Water Resource Council is also engaged in the preparation of a National Water Policy Document which will serve as a guideline for development and management of water resources for different uses.

Amendment of the Delhi Rent Control Act

2858. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more and more house owners in Delhi are keeping their premises vacant due to the unjust rent law;

(b) whether the rent law tends to make the tenants virtual owners;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to amend the Delhi Rent Control Act to boost the construction of houses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No such survey has been carried out.